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APPLICANT:

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INFERIOR EXTENSION

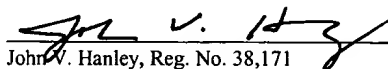
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office action dated August 14, 2002. As this paper is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the final Office action, it is expected that an Advisory Action will be issued in due course.

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REMARKS

In the final Office action dated August 14, 2002, claims 67-72 and 74-81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Goicoechea et al. (U.S. 5,683,450). Additionally, claim 73 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goicoechea et al. In rejecting the claims, the Examiner stated that "the embodiment of Figure 5